GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DISPLAY OF NON-VEGETARIAN INGREDIENTS IN FOOD PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the display of a symbol to indicate the presence of non-vegetarian ingredients in packed food products has been made mandatory;

(b) if so, whether the producers have started to indicate the presence of non-vegetarian ingredients in their products through a declaration;

(c) if so, whether the above said display would also be made mandatory in beverages and medicines; and

(d) if so, the complete details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The provisions for indicating the presence of non-vegetarian ingredients in packaged foods products by a specified symbol and brown colour code have come into force with effect from 4.10.2001 and the same are being complied with by the manufacturers/packers.

(c) & (d) The above mentioned provision is also applicable to all beverages. There is no proposal at present under consideration for amending the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 in respect of medicines to make it mandatory to declare the presence of non-vegetarian ingredients on the label.